

March 8 1943

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Dear Cum:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 7th, from Washington. First of all I want to thank you for the effort you are making in behalf of Negro Baseball. With the primary consideration of every true American being "Winning The War", I am sure our problem seems very unimportant. On the other hand "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy". Baseball is our national sport, and the few men it takes to keep baseball operating, will not be very important on the front lines. It would be different if ballplayers could be picked up and trained like any other workman, but it is an accepted fact, they are born and not made.

Now to get down to answering your letter. You ask for present milage on bus, condition of tires, approximate mileage needed in 1943.

Our bus has traveled 12500 miles.

The tires were recapped last year. (they could stand recapping again) I would like new ones, but will try to make out with these.

As to cutting our 1942 milage in half, that should be very easy. I am sure none of the teams have any thought of traveling any more than absolutely necessary. I can easily say The Eagles will cut their mileage in half. I do hope I am answering your questions intelligently. It is easy to see the problem is using as little gasoline as possible. I gave my dog to the army Saturday, and I am wearing the uniform of Civilian Defence. I assure you my one thought is doing all I can to get this war over as quickly as possible. I dont want the baseball if it will hinder our war effort, but I honestly feel it will help.

Please let me know if this is the information you wanted, and what decision was made.

Very Truly Yours